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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study the creel limits on freshwater fish established in its fishing rules and regulations.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of Louisiana states "The natural resources of the state, including air and water, and the healthful, scenic, historic, and esthetic quality of the environment shall be protected, conserved, and replenished insofar as possible and consistent with the health, safety, and welfare of the people." and Article IX, Section 7 provides "The control and supervision of the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission."; and

WHEREAS, a part of controlling and supervising the wildlife of the state in a manner to protect, preserve, and replenish is to study the impacts of fishing, including the impacts of certain creel limits; and

WHEREAS, setting those creel limits should be done only after careful study of the sustainability of the many freshwater species fished in this state, the health of the species present in the state, the quality of the habitat necessary to sustain the species, the practices of other states in setting creel limits and the experience other states have had with the impacts of their creel limits.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to study the creel limits on freshwater fish established in its rules and regulations relative to fishing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE